

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 529—RECOGNIZING THAT THE OCCURRENCE OF PROSTATE CANCER IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN HAS REACHED EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS AND URGING FEDERAL AGENCIES TO ADDRESS THAT HEALTH CRISIS BY SUPPORTING EDUCATION, AWARENESS OUTREACH, AND RESEARCH SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON HOW PROSTATE CANCER AFFECTS AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. CARDIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 529

Whereas the incidence of prostate cancer in African-American men is more than one and a half times higher than in any other racial or ethnic group in the United States;

Whereas African-American men have the highest mortality rate of any ethnic and racial group in the United States, dying at a rate that is approximately two and a half times higher than other ethnic and racial groups;

Whereas that rate of mortality represents the largest disparity of mortality rates in any of the major cancers;

Whereas prostate cancer can be cured with early detection and the proper treatment, regardless of the ethnic or racial group of the cancer patient;

Whereas African Americans are more likely to be diagnosed at an earlier age and at a later stage of cancer progression than all other ethnic and racial groups, leading to lower cure rates and lower chances of survival;

Whereas, for patients diagnosed early, studies show a 5-year survival rate of nearly 100 percent, but the survival rate drops significantly to 28 percent for patients diagnosed in late stages; and

Whereas recent genomics research has increased the ability to identify men at high risk for aggressive prostate cancer: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes that prostate cancer has created a health crisis for African-American men;

(2) recognizes the importance of health coverage and access to care, as well as promoting informed decisionmaking between men and their doctors, taking into consideration the known risks and potential benefits of screening and treatment options for prostate cancer;

(3) urges Federal agencies to support—

(A) research to address and attempt to end the health crisis created by prostate cancer;

(B) efforts relating to education, awareness, and early detection at the grassroots level to end that health crisis; and

(C) the Office of Minority Health of the Department of Health and Human Services in focusing on improving health and healthcare outcomes for African Americans at an elevated risk of prostate cancer; and

(4) urges investment by Federal agencies in research focusing on the improvement of early detection and treatment of prostate cancer, such as the use of—

(A) biomarkers to accurately distinguish indolent forms of prostate cancer from lethal forms; and

(B) advanced imaging tools to ensure the best level of individualized patient care.

SENATE RESOLUTION 530—DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2012 AS “NATIONAL REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP MONTH”

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 530

Whereas 2012 marks the 75th anniversary of the enactment of the Act of August 16, 1937 (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”), which established the national registered apprenticeship system;

Whereas the State of Wisconsin created the first State registered apprenticeship system in 1911;

Whereas the Act of August 16, 1937 (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”) established a comprehensive system of partnerships among employers, labor organizations, educational institutions, and Federal and State governments, which has shaped skill training for succeeding generations of United States workers;

Whereas for 75 years, the national registered apprenticeship system has provided state of the art training using an model known as “earn while you learn” that offers a pathway to the middle class and a sustainable career for millions of workers in the United States;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system has grown to include approximately 24,000 programs across the United States, providing education and training for apprentices in emerging and high-growth sectors, such as information technology and health care, as well as in traditional industries;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system leverages approximately \$1,000,000,000 in private investment, reflecting the strong commitment of the sponsors of the system, which include industry associations, individual employers, and labor-management partnerships;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system is an important post-secondary pathway for United States workers, offering a combination of academic and technical instruction with paid, on-the-job training, resulting in a nationally and industry-recognized occupational credential that ensures higher earnings for apprentices and a highly skilled workforce for United States businesses;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system has continually modernized and developed innovative training approaches to meet the workforce needs of industry and address the evolving challenges of staying competitive in the global economy;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system of the 21st century, as envisioned by the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship of the Secretary of Labor and administered as a partnership between the Federal Government and State apprenticeship programs, is positioned to produce the highly skilled workers the United States economy needs now and in the future; and

Whereas the celebration of National Registered Apprenticeship Month—

(1) honors the industries that use the registered apprenticeship model;

(2) encourages other industries that could benefit from the registered apprenticeship model to train United States workers using the model; and

(3) recognizes the role the national registered apprenticeship system has played in

preparing United States workers for jobs with family-sustaining wages: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates August 2012, as “National Registered Apprenticeship Month”;

(2) celebrates the 101st anniversary of the enactment of the first State registered apprenticeship law; and

(3) celebrates the 75th anniversary of the enactment of the Act of August 16, 1937 (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”).

SENATE RESOLUTION 531—COMMEMORATING THE SUCCESS OF TEAM USA IN THE PAST 25 OLYMPIC GAMES AND SUPPORTING TEAM USA IN THE 2012 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 531

Whereas, for over 100 years, the Olympic Movement has built a more peaceful and better world by educating young people through amateur athletics, bringing together athletes from many countries in friendly competition, and forging new relationships bound by friendship, solidarity, and fair play;

Whereas the 2012 Olympic Games will take place in London, England from July 27, 2012 to August 12, 2012, and the 2012 Paralympic Games will take place from August 29, 2012 to September 9, 2012;

Whereas, at the 2012 Olympic Games, over 200 nations will compete in over 300 events, and Team USA will compete in 246 events;

Whereas, at the 2012 Olympic Games, over 200 nations will compete in 39 disciplines, and Team USA will compete in 38 of those disciplines;

Whereas 529 Olympians and over 245 Paralympians will compete on behalf of Team USA in London, England;

Whereas Team USA has won 934 gold medals, 730 silver medals, and 643 bronze medals, totaling 2,307 medals over the past 25 Olympic Games;

Whereas the people of the United States stand united in respect and admiration for the members of the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams, and the athletic accomplishments, sportsmanship, and dedication to excellence of the teams;

Whereas the many accomplishments of the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many others, including the United States Olympic Committee and the many administrators, coaches, and family members who provided critical support to the athletes;

Whereas the Nation takes great pride in the qualities of commitment to excellence, grace under pressure, and good will toward other competitors exhibited by the athletes of Team USA; and

Whereas the Olympic Movement celebrates competition, fair play, and the pursuit of dreams: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) applauds all of the athletes and coaches of Team USA and their families who support them;

(2) supports the athletes of Team USA in their endeavors at the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games held in London, England;